

## "VICE SQUAD" IS TOO SMALL FOR EFFECTIVE WORK

Two Officers Cannot Gather  
Evidence Needed to  
Convict Owners.

### SHOULD HAVE TEN MEN

Persons Arrested Now Must  
Put Up \$50 Collateral  
for Liberty.

### AMOUNT RAISED FROM \$10

District Attorney Has Facts About  
Other Hotels—Underworld Denizens  
Flee Before Herald Searchlight.

The obvious inadequacy of a two-man "vice squad" in coping with organized immorality in a city of more than 250,000 persons has been so strongly emphasized by The Herald's exposure of the "vice system" here that an increase in the personnel of the squad probably will be made in the near future.

A direct result yesterday of The Herald's exposure was the issuance of orders at police headquarters to the captains of all precincts that persons arrested in raids on hotels and rooming houses shall not be released on \$10 collateral as heretofore, but shall be made to deposit collateral of \$50 each as security for their appearance in Police Court.

### Drive Offenders to Cover.

The bald exposure of the "system," together with the announcement of orders at police headquarters to the captains of all precincts that persons arrested in raids on hotels and rooming houses shall not be released on \$10 collateral as heretofore, but shall be made to deposit collateral of \$50 each as security for their appearance in Police Court.

The lid has been on now for two nights. It probably will stay on for several weeks.

After that time, with the first effects worn off, the "vice trust" again will attempt to be "open for business."

In the meantime the system of espionage on Sgt. Catta and Detective Howes will be perfected by the combination of guilty hotel managers, cab drivers and women.

### Two Men Inadequate.

The fact will be to make it more difficult for the two men to cope with the situation. Commissioner Siddons indicated last night that if Catta and Howes want more men they can have them. Although they now may call upon precinct officers for support in making raids, the collection of evidence is a task they must handle themselves, and evidence of this nature can be used only when collected by one on the ground in each instance.

### Need Ten More Officers.

It is pointed out that with a "vice squad" of ten or more members, the work of espionage on the officers would be more difficult for beneficiaries of the "system," and that the collection of sufficient evidence to convict under the Kenyon law would undoubtedly follow in a number of instances.

It is known that in addition to the Ardmore, the District attorney is in possession of an iron-clad case against another hotel. This may not be filed, however, until the Ardmore case shall have been disposed of.

Fearful that they might be called as witnesses in the Ardmore case, denizens of the underworld, men and women alike, slipped out of town Wednesday and yesterday, but to their friends they left the reassuring information, "We'll be back when this blows over."

### Three Killed by Explosion.

Robinson, Ill., Nov. 19.—Three men were killed here today by an explosion in the Dupont powder plant.

## GEOGRAPHER HAS PLAN TO RAISE THE TITANIC

Capt. Stackhouse Thinks Iceberg that  
Sank Liner Was Aground on Top  
of Submerged Mountain.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Philadelphia, Nov. 19.—Firm in the belief that the liner Titanic was sunk by an iceberg which was itself aground on the summit of a submerged mountain, and that she can be located and raised, Capt. J. Foster Stackhouse, Englishman, explorer, and geographer, who is now here, will investigate thoroughly the scene of the disaster.

The investigation is to be part of the schedule of the International Oceanographic expedition, which will set out from London in May of the coming year, for a seven-year cruise. The expedition will have as its chief end the definite locating of some 3,600 reported uncharted dangers of the deep.

"It has been reported," he said, "that the Titanic sank in 2,000 fathoms of water. That is at best a guess. At the nearest point, forty-one miles distant, where the depth is actually known, there are 1,830 fathoms of water."

"If the iceberg which caused the ship's destruction rested on a submerged mountain top, it is quite possible that she does not lie so deep as is generally supposed. That such a mountain exists, we have every reason to believe."

## BRITISH ROUT ARABS ON PERSIAN FRONTIER

Battle at Shat-el-Arab Results in the  
Retirement of 4,500  
Moslems.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Nov. 19.—The British troops have fought a severe engagement in Arabia, near the Persian frontier, was made known by the official press bureau tonight in the following announcement: "During an advance on Shat-el-Arab on the 17th the enemy, with a force numbering 4,500, were encountered in a strong, entrenched position with twelve guns."

"The enemy retired after heavy fighting, losing two guns, three officers and many prisoners and their animal transport with reserve ammunition. The British casualties were three officers and thirty-five men killed, fifteen officers and 200 men wounded."

Shat-el-Arab is a river formed by the confluence of the Tigris and the Euphrates, emptying into the Persian Gulf. Although the British official announcement does not so state, the "enemy" were presumably either Persians or Arabs—possibly both.

## "BOB" BURDETTE DEAD; WAS NOTED HUMORIST

Retired Clergyman, Civil War Veteran  
and Writer, Succumbs in  
Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 19.—Rev. Dr. Robert J. Burdette, a noted Baptist divine, pastor emeritus of Temple Baptist Church, of Los Angeles, and whose fame as a humorist is world-wide, died at his home, Sunnyside, in Pasadena, this afternoon after a protracted illness from Bright's disease. Mrs. Burdette and her son, Roy Blanchard Wheeler, were at his side when the end came.

Dr. Burdette was born in Greensboro, Pa., July 20, 1844. His parents removed in his boyhood to Peoria, Ill., where he was educated in the public schools. He served as a private in the Forty-seventh Illinois Volunteers through the civil war.

He first attracted attention as a humorist while associate editor of the Hawkeye at Burlington, Iowa. Later he went to the Brooklyn Eagle and in 1876 went on the lecture platform. In 1887 he was licensed as a Baptist minister, becoming pastor of the Temple Baptist Church here in 1903. He retired from the ministry in 1909.

## CARRANZA WIRE DENIES REPORT OF VILLA MARCH

Statements of Carothers to  
State Department  
Contradicted.

### IS IN AN UGLY MOOD

Attitude Toward United  
States Troops in Vera  
Cruz Threatening.

### MEXICAN CHAOS INCREASING

Villa and Convention Arms Report  
Unimpeded Progress Toward Capital—Queretaro Falls.

Dispatches received from Mexico last night at the headquarters of the constitutionalists in this city indicate that chaos rages riot in that country despite the optimism for peace entertained by officials of the Wilson administration. In the dispatches are embodied a long telegram from First Chief Carranza, in which he reiterates his willingness to retire from Mexico. He charges Gen. Villa with bad faith, and declares that Gen. Emilio Gutierrez was coerced into forwarding a telegram to Carranza in which Gutierrez declared that the United States would not evacuate Vera Cruz until Gutierrez was installed in the office of Provisional President.

Carranza's telegram makes it plain that he is in an ugly mood, as he suggests that American evacuation of Vera Cruz "rests entirely in our own hands for settlement." Carranza insists that he still has the support of most of the generals in Mexico. Carranza's telegram is addressed to Dr. Zubaran Capmany, head of the Washington constitutionalist agency.

### Differs with Carothers.

Mr. Capmany, in making public the Carranza telegram, took issue with the statements made to the State Department by George C. Carothers, special agent of Secretary Bryan. Mr. Capmany denies that Gen. Emilio Gutierrez has ordered an attack against the troops remaining loyal to Carranza, "because Gen. Gutierrez is unable to give orders of any kind." He describes Gutierrez as a "prisoner in the hands of Villa."

Gen. Villa and his troops are having an easy advance southward toward Mexico City, according to advices received at the State Department yesterday.

According to a dispatch received from Mr. Carothers, Villa has now advanced to Toluca, fifty miles nearer Mexico City than Leon, the occupation of which by Villa was reported to the department Wednesday.

### Carranzistas Join Villa.

Villa's forces not only are advancing without opposition, it is stated, but are even gathering adherents as they proceed. Two thousand Carranzistas joined Villa on the way from Leon to Toluca. Carothers reported. There is every indication that Villa's advance will be easy and rapid, and that many of the forces attributed to Carranza will join those of the Aguas Calientes convention. Carothers makes the prediction that Mexico City will be taken without a struggle.

From Mexico City came a report that Carranza intends to let the convention forces make their way to Mexico City without offering much opposition, and then overwhelming them after they occupy that city. It is understood that Carranza has again transferred the seat of his government, this time to Orizaba, which is on the railway line from Mexico City to Vera Cruz, and high in the mountains between the east coast and the capital.

Agua Calientes, Nov. 19.—Queretaro was evacuated last night by the Carranzistas, who committed many abuses and carried off a million and a half pesos belonging to civilians. Two thousand men, under Col. Carlos Dominguez, entered Queretaro this morning and took possession of the town in the name of the convention. The report of the occupation sent by Col. Dominguez fails to mention the name of the Carranzista commander.

### Milwaukee Germans

#### Arouse "Allies" Wrath

Milwaukee, Nov. 19.—Milwaukee citizens of English, Scotch, and French descent prepared to send a protest to President Wilson against a proposal by German-Americans to open a stock theater here beginning Monday with one-act plays based on the present war. The proposal, it is charged, would constitute a breach of the President's neutrality proclamation.

### President May Spend His

#### Thanksgiving with Sayres

President Wilson may spend Thanksgiving with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, at Williamstown, Mass. It is found that the condition of public business will admit of his going. He will leave Washington tomorrow, and will be accompanied by Mrs. Sayre and their daughter, Miss Sayre.

### Constantinople (via Berlin and Amsterdam), Nov. 19.—It is announced officially that the Turkish troops are nearing the Russian port of Batoum and that the capture of that important town is imminent.

A dispatch from the Ottoman head-quarters says that Turkish operations are proceeding successfully in all theaters. Turkish troops, it adds, have occupied Kalamutah, sixty-two miles beyond the Egyptian frontier.

# RUSS VICTORIES IN BALTIC AND BLACK SEAS REPORTED; GERMANS SMASH AT YPRES

## FRENCH ROUTED, TURKOS SAVE DAY AT TRACY-LE-VAL

Algerian Warriors Beat Germans  
Back in Carnival  
of Blood.

## ARTILLERY DUEL RAGES

Both Sides Cloak Heavy Troop  
Movements by Hurricane  
of Shells.

## TEUTON FIRE MOST EFFECTIVE

Kaiser's Troops Reported Driven from  
Lille—Both Armies Gather for  
Titanic Struggle.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Nov. 19.—Forces are gathering for decisive events in Flanders.

The big German guns are at it again, conducting a terrific bombardment of the allies' positions. The French and British guns are replying, but with less vigor.

Under cover of the artillery activity, both armies are moving troops with great rapidity and in great numbers.

The movement is southward and it is believed that the next great effort of the Germans will be made to the south of Ypres, probably at Arras.

Aerial scouts of both the Germans and allies were extremely active all day.

The midnight official statement from Bordeaux was barren of news, but the afternoon communiqué related a remarkable story of the valor of the half-savage French Algerians in repelling a furious attack by the Germans in the vicinity of Tracy-le-Val.

### Turkos Take Up Fight.

The allies took possession of Tracy-le-Val several days ago and the Germans on Tuesday returned to the attack with the intention of recapturing the town.

So terrific was their initial onslaught that it carried them up to and over the first line of intrenchments. Spurred on by this they advanced rapidly on the village.

The Algerian contingents, which had been called from the reserve to support the first line trenches, when it was seen the French were about to be overwhelmed, passed the retreating French troops on the left. The latter were almost exhausted and the Algerians were fresh, and they officers insisted they be permitted to meet the second blow of the attackers.

As the French fell back suddenly there was uncovered to the view of the oncoming Germans a solid front of turbaned Turks. They fell on the Germans with blood-curdling yells. The fighting was terrific. The Turks fought the Prussians man to man until the German front was broken. The crossroads, which was the center of the conflict, was a mass of tangled, lunging, parrying, gouging warriors, swaying back and forth in a desperate battle.

### Lille Reported Taken.

Men of Africa and gray-clad Prussians struggled furiously for over an hour at this point, until finally the fury of the Turks' onslaught began to tell and the Germans beat a retreat.

A determined effort is being made by the allies to cut the German lines of communication to the north of Arras, where the British troops are bearing the brunt of the fighting. The railroad line which leads to Cologne through Aix-la-Chapelle, Charleroi and Maubeuge, is the object of their attack.

According to unofficial dispatches from the front, the Germans have been forced to quit Lille, and the British are now said to be in the town.

A decree was issued by President Poincaré at Bordeaux today striking from the roll of the Legion of Honor the names of all Germans.

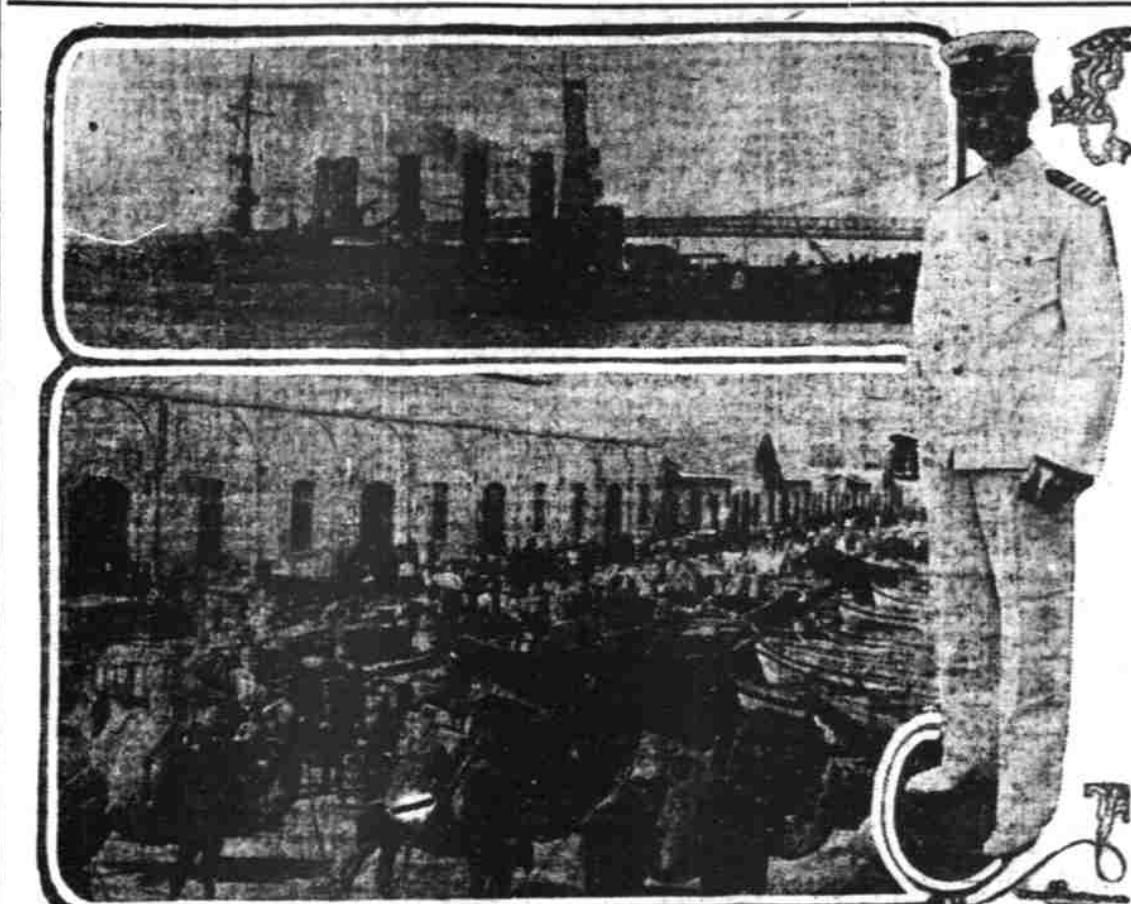
### Russian Port Near Fall;

#### Turks Press On in Egypt

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## STARS AND STRIPES FIRED UPON BY TURKS



Above, U. S. cruiser Tennessee; below, view of Smyrna, and, at right, Capt. Benton S. Decker, commander of the Tennessee, who has confirmed a report in the effect that a launch from the Tennessee was fired at by Turkish gunners from the fortifications at Smyrna. No serious complications are expected to result from the incident.

## GERMANS PREPARE FOR NEW DRIVE ON COAST

Engineers Close Gaps in Broken  
Dykes Preparatory to Heavy  
Trop Movements.

By FREDERICK WERNER.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Berlin (via Amsterdam), Nov. 19.—Though temporarily halted in their campaign to gain the French coast by the floods caused by the cutting of dykes in the Yser Valley, the Germans are meeting this emergency as they have met others, with forces provided for just such an occasion.

Bodies of engineers numbering 7,000 men have been taken to the Dixmude front during the past week, and are engaged in closing the gaps in the dykes and constructing pontoon bridges on which infantry can cross the inundated country.

Brief details of a heroic exploit by a troop of German cavalry were received here today. The soldiers swam their horses for a mile through the icy water at night and took by surprise a body of English troops guarding a position near Dixmude. Though astonished by the sudden appearance of the German troopers, the British soldiers fought desperately to hold their position. They finally were driven out, and the Germans have "bug themselves in" at that point and are holding it against every attack.

While the floods are interfering with operations along the front from the coast to Ypres, the German troops are strengthening their positions from Ypres to Arras and farther south.

Defeat of a French attack on the western slope of the Argonne Forest is announced in an official report from the German general staff received here today.

Operations in the eastern theater of war continue to be favorable for the Germans, it was announced by the war office. The statement says:

"While strategical grounds prevent the disclosure of movements against the Russians the official information that operations are progressing favorably indicates that the victory at Wladaw is being followed up. In view of the bad condition of the roads behind the Russians and the difficulties of retirement it seems probable that they will make a stand. From the prevailing conditions, the attack of our forces will probably be against their front and right wing."

### Typhoid Epidemic Among

#### German Troops Reported

Boulogne, Nov. 19.—It is reported that a serious epidemic of typhoid fever has broken out among the German troops, who are in occupation of Lille and the surrounding districts. In the last two days no fewer than 5,000 men have entered the hospitals which are filled to overflowing.

### Three Killed by Cave-in.

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 19.—Three men, all of them employees of the city sewer department, were killed today in a sewer cave-in. In Independence road, two others, taken out unconscious, were revived by pulmonologists.

## 3 GERMAN SHIPS SUNK IN BALTIC, IS ROME REPORT

Dispatch from Petrograd Tells  
of Russian Naval  
Victory.

## BATTLE IN BLACK SEA

Conflicting Reports Are Received Regarding Engage-  
ment Near Sebastopol.

## GOEBEN REPORTED DISABLED

Czar's Ministry of Marine Claims Two  
Former Teuton Cruisers  
Were Routed.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Rome, Nov. 19.—A news agency dispatch from Petrograd says that the German squadron which bombarded Libau later was attacked by the Russian fleet and that in the fight which followed a German cruiser and two torpedo destroyers were sunk.

Petrograd, Nov. 19.—The cruiser Goeben, of the Turkish navy, was damaged by an explosion caused by a shell which struck her amidships during a naval battle with a division of the Russian Black Sea fleet and set afire, according to an official report today by the ministry of marine. The Goeben fled into the fog and disappeared, accompanied by the cruiser Breslau. The battle occurred on November 19 near the coast of Anatolia.

### Explosion on Goeben.

The official narrative of the encounter relates that a division of the Black Sea fleet which was returning from a cruise to Sebastopol, sighted twenty-five miles from the Bosphorus light, a Turkish detachment of warships consisting of the Goeben and Breslau.

The Russian ships opened fire, on signal of the flagship, the Admiral Evstafyev. The initial salvo from the twelve-inch battery of the flagship struck the Goeben amidships. An explosion was caused and the Goeben immediately broke into flames on her port side amidships.

The Goeben was slow to reply and as the range was close, there could be seen on her decks scenes of great confusion. Other explosions followed on the Goeben and the Breslau and the Goeben got its big guns into action and opened with salvoes against the flagship, which they seemed determined to disable. None of their shots was directed at the accompanying units of the Russian fleet, despite the fact that all the Russian warships were firing into the two Turks.

### Claim Turks Fled.

The battle lasted forty minutes, when of a sudden the Goeben withdrew, disappearing in the fog. The Breslau followed. The Russian division took up the pursuit, but the speed of the enemy's ships was too great, and the chase had to be given up.

Only slight damage was suffered by the Evstafyev.

Berlin (by Wireless via London), Nov. 19.—According to an official announcement from Constantinople, a Russian squadron, consisting of two battleships and five cruisers, was engaged by the Turkish fleet off Sebastopol.

One of the Russian battleships was seriously damaged, and the remaining vessels, with the Turkish warships in pursuit, fled to Sebastopol.

### Dumba Denies Reports

#### Of Austro-German Quarrel

Ambassador Dumba, of Austria-Hungary, last night gave out the following official statement received by wireless from Vienna:

"The London advices concerning alleged dissension between the Austrian and the German army commands and quarrels between Austro-Hungarian and German soldiers are bold-faced inventions."

### Many German Wounded Are

#### Unfit for Further Service

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Rotterdam, Nov. 19.—A message from Berlin states that of the 4,000 wounded men discharged from the city's hospitals since the middle of September, 8 per cent are of no further use for field service. Thirty-six per cent are fit to return to the front and 56 per cent are to form the nucleus for reserve battalions.

## Can You Plan a Thanksgiving Dinner? \$7.50, \$5.00 and \$2.50

Given to the women who send the three best  
Thanksgiving Dinner menus to The Washing-  
ton Herald Menu Editor before next Sunday.

Here is a chance for Washington housewives to show their culinary skill. Plan a dinner for the Great American feast day—Thanksgiving Day—and send your menu to the Thanksgiving Editor of The Washington Herald.

The best menu, in the opinion of the Thanksgiving Editor, will be awarded \$7.50, the second best will receive \$5. and the third \$2.50.

## RULES.

Plan your dinner for five people; write on one side of the paper only; address letters to the Thanksgiving Menu Editor, Washington Herald.

The three winning menus will be published, together with the names of the women who planned them, in The Herald on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday next—one each day.